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SUBJECT: SHIP MOVEMENT REPORTS

1. FOLLOWING PERIOD IN MID-JANUARY WHEN WINTER STORMS CLOSED ALEXANDRIA HARBOR, PROGRES EGYPTIEN NEWSPAPER CEASED DAILY LISTINGS OF ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF OCEAN SHIPPING. DISCREET INQUIRY INDICATED THAT SOMEWHERE IN GOE OBJECTION TO SUCH LISTINGS HAD BEEN RAISED ON SECURITY GROUNDS.

2. WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 21 SHIP MOVEMENT REPORTS RESUMED, BUT NOW LIST ONLY SHIP'S NAME, FLAG AND LOCAL AGENT, OMITTING PREVIOUS COLUMN SHOWING PIER NUMBER WHERE MOORED OR, MOST OFTEN, CRYPTIC DESIGNATION "ANCHORED." THIS OMISSION MAY BE TO SPARE AUTHORITIES EMBARRASSMENT OF HIGHLIGHTING PORT CONGESTION PROBLEMS, BUT ANY CASUAL STROLLER ALONG ANFOUCHI OR EL MEX QUARTER SEAFRONT CAN COUNT NUMBER OF SHIPS AWAITING ENTRY.

3. HIGH WINDS AND WAVES OF MOST RECENT STORM HAS BEEN LIMITING SHIP MOVEMENTS AND ABOUT 45 VESSELS NOW AT ANCHOR OUTSIDE OF HARBOR.
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